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An interesting Tidbit from Norm Belsten on page 2. To add to his list of holders, also try using Card File Page #304. This 3-ring plastic page is distributed by Anglers Co. Ltd., Flushing, N.Y., 11358, and has 10 pockets made for holding calling cards. It is ideal for 2" x 3" flats and should be available at most good stationers.

Russell Brown is recovering from hip surgery and at last report is doing fine, taking therapy and walking with assistance. He is anticipating the replacement of his other hip in the near future to fully correct a long suffering problem.

A couple of mysterious woods shown at the bottom of page 3. They are peculiar in that the letters (and numbers) appear to have been stamped into the wood one letter at a time as opposed to using a die which has the complete inscription. This is apparent because of the irregular spacing.

Jerry Remick's article was received in June but space and circumstances precluded earlier press, which may have been more appropriate.

Further info on the Treasure Chest wood (Aug. Timber Talk). It seems it is from:
Treasure Chest and Antiques Ltd.,
52404 Range Road 221,
Adrossan, AB
T0B 0E0

The accuracy of this address is questionable at this time. Corrections are welcomed.

A telephone call from Ken Wilmot informs us that, at the Stratford Coin Show (Oct. 31), the Stratford Club will provide the woodies with a room where we can gather to trade, socialize, hold an auction, or whatever. This generous offer is just what we need! Sometimes, only a good sized table to gather around is all that is necessary, but all too often there isn't even that much to accommodate us.

If this issue of Timber Talk has a strange postmark, it's because your wandering editor has mailed them from Thunder Bay, Ont. Since we expect to be visiting our "home town" at mailing time, that will be the point of posting. The mail must go through!

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FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH



Handwriting practice line with two groups of 15 cursive 'z' characters.



PO Box 21104, Stratford, Ont N5A 7V4 (519) 273-1715

"OOPS, WE GOOFED!"

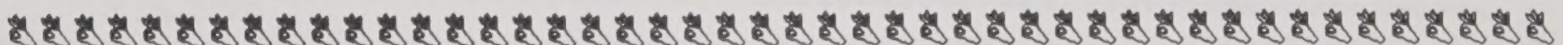
Canada Wide Woods made a colossal error in the production of Woods for the Brantford Numismatic Society. During production it was discovered that Numismatic had been incorrectly spelled as "NUISMATIC" on the Alexander Graham Bell obverse die.

Production of the 6 different pieces was well under way when the error was noticed and subsequently production was immediately stopped. New dies were rushed through and a corrected version of the Woods were delivered to Brantford Numismatic Society in time for their show! B.N.S. was provided with 10 sets of the error variety. What to do with the remaining 43 sets was a problem?

C.W.W. came up with the solution. Three sets will be retained by C.W.W. The remaining 40 complete sets will be included with their "Second" issue of OPEN Woods. To ensure there will never be any more issued C.W.W. defaced the die. Also included with the sets will be a wood showing the defacing of the error die.

Some individual pieces are left over and these will be provided to C.A.W.M.C. for inclusion with their Timber Talk. There were approximately 50 of the .50 Blue and 100 of the .50 Red. We are sorry we will not be able to fill any individual orders for this scarce set as all complete sets have been allocated to the "Second" issue Subscription Service.

Persons wishing a set will be able to obtain same with the "Second" issue of 20 open woods through Ken Wilmot at the regular price of \$15.00. Priority will be given to those who ordered our first 20 open woods. Mailing address for orders is Canada Wide Woods, R.P.O. Box 21104, Stratford, Ont. N5A 7V4. Cheques should be made payable to Ken Wilmot.



While at the I.O.W.M.C. banquet and auction in Baltimore this past July, I purchased a bag of "Canadian" woods. Most of them were, in fact, Canadian. The two shown at right, however, are a mystery. The printing is incused and the blank is not cut from a dowel as most woods are, but rather from a flat thin board about 1/8" thick. I was unable to find any records of these woods. Can anyone help me out on these?

Editor



common obverse

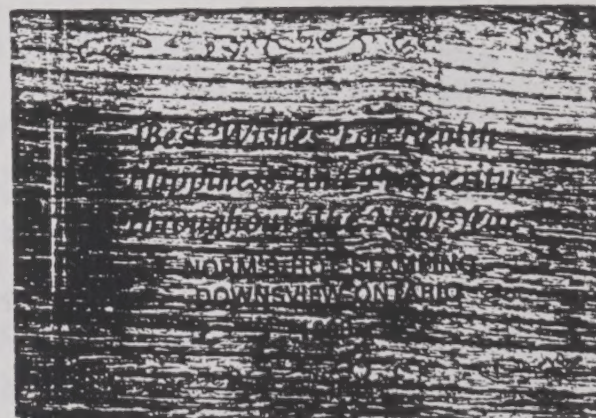
SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

So you're still cutting the grass and haven't given a thought to Christmas? You think there's still plenty of time to order your Christmas woods? Well, there is, if you get cracking on it now. December 1st is not a good time to start planning your Christmas wood (unless it's for the following year). Your editor has already received a couple of 1993 Christmas woods! They will be shown next month.

Canada Wide Woods, P.O. Box 21104, Stratford, Ont., N5A 7V4, is ready and waiting for your orders. They have an excellent hot stamping facility and will produce woods in both 1 1/2" and 1 3/4" diameters. Some of their stock dies are shown below (some may not be actual size).



Norm's Hot Stamping, 37 Neames Cres., Downsview, Ont., M3L 1K8, also has a selection of die patterns and will make up woods in rounds or flats. A sample is shown below (reduced).



Did you know that President Pat White has a dancer in his family? Apparently so, and she has even issued her own wooden nickel. Your editor and wife were pleased to have Pat and Sandy and their daughter Breehan drop by for a visit recently. Breehan's first very own wood is shown at right.



NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL CENTENNIALS IN 1993 THAT
CAN BE COMMEMORATED ON ISSUES OF WOODEN NICKELS

by Jerry Remick

Each year there are a number of national and provincial centennials and bicentennials that can be commemorated on issues of wooden nickels. Some 1993 celebrations include:

- 1) Centennial of the Stanley Cup
- 2) Bicentennial of the city of Toronto
- 3) Centennial of Ontario's Provincial Parks
- 4) Centennial of Quebec City's Chateau Frontenac Hotel
- 5) Centennial of the city of Sudbury, Ontario

In 1793, Fort Toronto was chosen by John Graves Simcoe, first lieutenant governor of Upper Canada, as Upper Canada's permanent capital. He renamed it York after the Duke of York. The name reverted to the original Toronto in 1834. York replaced Newark (now Niagara-on-the-Lake) as capital.

Sudbury, Ontario, was for a long time the leading nickel producer in the world, and is still one of the world's major producers.

If our makers of wooden nickels prepared obverse designs for some of these events, perhaps our members would use them for personal or club issues of woods. It would be nice if personal woods could be made so that a mixture of 2 or 3 events could be included in one lot of 100 purchased.

In a recent letter from Al Munro, Al writes, in part:

"While in Sydney [N.S.] I called an issuer of wooden tokens who advised he has issued a new personal wood as a birth announcement and is willing to trade 1 for 1 for any other wood plus an S.A.S.E. He also has copies of an error variety of a previous wood for trade, but no longer has any of the correct version of the previous wood." Write:

Rick MacKinnon,
51 Yendys St.,
Sydney, N.S.
B1S 2W6

DATES TO REMEMBER: Saturday, Oct. 9th—the Oshawa Coin Club is holding their show at the Pickering Town Centre.

Sunday, Oct. 31st, the Stratford Coin Club has their show at the Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeview Dr. Stratford, Ont.

WOODEN DOLLAR HOLDERS

For those of you who wish to mount wooden dollars (up to 2" dia.) in a coin holder similar to the 2 x 2's, there is a Mylar holder that is 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 and will *almost* accept a 2" wood. Member Bob Brown of Highspire, PA, reports that the DAY MOUNT Co., P.O. Box 799, Short Hills, NJ 07078, U.S.A. makes a variety of Mylar type coin holders. One of the sizes is the 50mm Crown holder which has a 15/16" window and you can squeak a 2" wood into it. Mr. Day recently had a bad fire but is apparently still doing business. Cost of the holders is \$US50.00 per 1000. You might have to mention Bob Brown's name to get that price but it's worth a try if that's the size you're after.

Shown below are more woods that were issued for the C.N.A. in Moncton this year. John Bethell was doing some experimenting with making woods, so these may not all be regular issues. He also has varieties in silver, gold, and varnished, which are omitted here as they would not photocopy well.



Glenn and Mildred Rodger were hosts in the Hospitality Room and passed out this wood.